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Cara (cc Christina):

My supervisor asked me to send to you a draft biological evaluation for our planned reissuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the PotlatchDeltic St. Maries plywood mill in St. Maries, Idaho. Although most NPDES permits in Idaho are now issued by Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, we retain NPDES permitting authority on Tribal land. This facility is located on the Coeur d'Alene reservation.

Attached is a draft biological evaluation for your review and comment. We are not requesting consultation at this time, but we would like your feedback on the BE, particularly if you notice any deficiencies that would cause the Service to find the BE incomplete. I am also attaching a preliminary draft permit and draft fact sheet explaining the conditions in the draft permit, which we recently sent to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

The prior permit for this facility was issued in 1996 and is available on our website, here:

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/npdes-permit-potlatch-corp-st-maries-complex-idaho>

We expect to issue the draft permit for public review and comment within 30 days, and we will request consultation at that time. Please contact me if you have questions.

Thank you,

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